

## SAYS VERDUN IS CALVARY OF CIVILIZATION

Major T. J. Dickson, Class of '89, Senior Combat Chaplain During War, Speaks at University.

### NO MAN CAN DESCRIBE IT

Speaker Calls Battle in 1916 One That Will Live Forever in Memory of Humanity.

Major Thomas J. Dickson, a graduate of the University of Missouri of the class of 1889, who achieved distinction for himself and honor for his Alma Mater in the great world war, as senior combat chaplain of the American Expeditionary Forces, spoke last night in the University auditorium on "America and the Battle of Verdun."

"There is a building in the city of Paris known as the Pantheon de la Guerre erected for the purpose of perpetuating forms and faces of men who have wrought wonderful deeds for civilization. Colors, meaningless in themselves, have been touched by the imagination of the artist, so that one seems to stand again in the ecstasy of war. In the background of one of the late masterpieces celebrating the heroes of the allied powers of the late war, are painted in silver the names of the places celebrated in that war. Resplendent in gold and leading all the silver names is the name of that place which means to civilization what the resurrection of Christ is to the soul. If this place had fallen, civilization would have been thrown back centuries, or would have been obliterated. This place that I dare breathe in the same breath with Calvary is Verdun."

"In 1916, army after army of the central powers was lost in an attempt to capture Verdun. They struggled in mines beneath the earth and in airplanes 10,000 feet in air but they never took Verdun."

"Your children and your children's children will write poems and build temples to the American regulars who helped to save Verdun. The first expedition of the American army was loaded on four transports. The 'Saratoga' was sunk and one-twelfth of the troops went down before we left sight of New York City. Zaganing here a hundred miles, and there a hundred miles, with war vessels of our navy in front, at our sides and at the rear of us, we crossed the waters to France. As I climbed upon the rigging of our ship and looked at that grand sight, I could not help singing. The army and navy forever, three cheers for the red, white and blue."

Soon after reaching France Major Dickson encountered a patriotic French woman who said to him, 'Go back to your home. Take your soldiers with you. Let France be sacrificed, but let America be the hope of the world.'

"Better were it that America be obliterated," said Major Dickson, "than that America should turn her back on a suffering continent."

After speaking of the battles of Cantigny, Soissons, and the Marne, Major Dickson said that the proudest moment of the American soldier was reached with the invitation to engage in the battle of Verdun.

"For forty-two days and nights our men engaged in a battle in which more steel was thrown back and forth and more men were killed in an hour than in the entire Civil War. No man in that presence can describe it. The world must again produce an Achilles, a Milton or a Hugo to render a description. Men walked about as dead, without sleep, until they fell exhausted."

"Now that the war is over we are placing laurel wreaths on our generals. I would rather not take from them a single jewel worthily bestowed. But I would gather the oak leaf, signifying strength, the rose leaf, signifying beauty; the laurel wreath, signifying victory; and all earth's sun painted flowers. I would take them to the city of the dead and lay them on the grave of the American private."

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## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Gladys Roberts, 1109 Locust street, left yesterday for Hallsville.

Final quarterly examinations are being held at the Columbia High School this week.

Mrs. Lewis Collier and son, Dean, 721 Missouri avenue, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Laredo, Mo.

Mrs. J. W. Smith left yesterday for her home in Kansas City after visiting her daughter, Miss Alene Smith at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Miss Grace E. Baker and Mrs. F. R. Zugg, left yesterday for their home in Hale, after visiting a week with their brother, W. H. Baker, 504 South Fourth street.

John P. Sheay, specialist in marketing, left yesterday for Carthage to attend a marketing meeting held in Jasper County under the auspices of the county farm bureau.

C. D. Edwards, dean of the Bible School, left Tuesday for Indianapolis, Ind., to attend a called meeting of the executive committee of the National Board of Education of the Christian Church.

Women students who wish to make application for rooms in the Co-operative House for next term may do so in the Y. W. C. A. room at Academic Hall, according to Miss Margaret Hawkins, president of the S. C. A.

Six of the grade school teachers of Columbia are planning to attend the State Teachers Association meeting in Kansas City November 11, 12 and 13. Miss Mary Dwyer, who is a delegate from the Community Council, Miss Grace Lockridge and Miss Emily Finley will represent the Jefferson School, Misses Mary Armstrong, Grace Wilkie and Tillie McElrath will go from the Benton School. None of the teachers from the Lee, Grant or Eugene Fields schools are planning to attend the meeting.

### Stephens College Notes

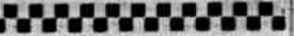
The Y. W. C. A. gave a dinner at the college Monday evening followed by a party in the gymnasium. The tables were decorated in Hall-ween color schemes and each was different from the rest. The dinner was marked by weird songs and whistles that came no one knew whence. Every one was dressed either as witches, ghosts or other characters who appear on Halloween only. The gymnasium was decorated with leaves, pumpkins and cornucopias. The girls bobbed for apples, told fortunes and ate popcorn, gingerbread and marshmallows.

The department of physical education of the college has adopted a new system for deciding merit in gymnasium work and of awarding sweaters and S's to sweaters to students.

Mrs. Robert Simpson says the system is satisfactory as it gives all students an opportunity to earn a sweater. The total number of points one student can make is 75. It is practically impossible to make the whole number in one year. The average junior will make thirty-five or forty in one year and with very great effort and much time may attain sixty. This will permit the senior returning to graduate to make the remaining early in the year. She will be able to wear the sweater nearly all year long. There will be no inter-college basketball games. The time will be spent in baseball, swimming and interpretive rhythm. In the spring the swimming classes will give their annual water fête. There are classes in high diving and in advanced swimming. Both classes are doing splendidly and are looking forward to more difficult feats eagerly, Mrs. Simpson said yesterday.

Dean W. W. Charters, who is doing educational work in the East will return about the first of December. President Wood will leave in a few days for New York where he will join Mrs. Wood. Dean Charters will continue his work, started in September, when he returns.

The election at the college went to Cox by a large majority. The results were announced in the college auditorium along with the vote of the rest of the re-



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ports. The girls had cast their ballots during the day, at one of the polls on each floor of the building. While going through the process of casting a ballot, the students incidentally learned the details and method by which a president is chosen. The election was given under the auspices of the Social Democracy Club, which is a combination of the history department and the social science department.

Miss Louise Liddle of St. Joseph has arrived in Columbia to attend Stephens College. She is accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Liddle who will return home tomorrow.

## GROUPS WILL STUDY BIBLE

University Girls Will Meet Tomorrow Night to Select Subjects.

The Bible Study Groups, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., held their initial meeting from 7 to 7:45 Tuesday night. All women in the University are eligible to attend any one of the groups, according to Miss Lucille Meinboffer, who has charge of the work.

Miss Meinboffer says that statistics show less than 50 per cent of the women in the University attend church. The Y. M. C. A., being the only religious organization for women on the campus, has developed these Bible study groups to reach those who do not ordinarily attend church. The work will not compete with the churches, but rather, supplement them.

Each group will study a different subject, and the girls are urged to attend the group whose subject is of most interest to them. Fundamentals in Religion, Historical Life of Christ, The Gospels, The Letters of Paul, and Catechism of Social and Religious Life are some of the suggested subjects. Each group will make its own selection, however, tonight.

The hour has been set immediately after dinner, from 7 to 7:45 o'clock, so as not to conflict with other club meetings and engagements, according to Miss Meinboffer. The course will extend over six or eight weeks, meeting each Tuesday night.

The groups will meet in Read Hall and the following sorority houses: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta, and Alpha Delta Pi.

Interesting speakers will be on the program at each house.

### SIX CONCERTS THIS SEASON

Phi Mu Alpha Tickets Will Go On Sale Saturday.

Students may attend the six musical programs to be presented this year by Phi Mu Alpha for approximately what it would cost to see the same number of moving pictures. The special rate for season tickets, which will allow students to attend the performances given under the auspices of Phi Mu Alpha, is \$2.

The tickets, which will be placed on sale next Saturday, will be good for performances by the following musicians: Eddie Brown, violinist; Reinald Werrenrath, baritone; the Zoellner Quartet; Schmitz, pianist; Lambert Murphy, tenor; and Mabel Garrison, soprano.

All of these concerts will be given in the University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

## U. H. S. Manual Training Students Do Work of Regular Carpenters

Students in the manual training department of the University High School are remodeling sections of the school building this term as a part of a program of practical work which has been outlined for them by their teacher, J. M. Hyde. In order that the boys may learn some of the practical phases of carpentry, Mr. Hyde has undertaken a series of jobs about the school building which range in size from the erection of apparatus cabinets to the tearing down and reconstruction of walls.

The need for a special typewriting room to accommodate part of the high school's commercial department is being met at present. The room formerly occupied by the boys' toilet and showers and the room formerly used as a teachers' cloak closet are under process of transformation. The wall between them has been torn down, and the one large room will house the typewriting department. The manual training students have done all the work, proving themselves equally handy with hammers, chisels and crowbars.

Accuracy and neatness are qualities which the boys are taught to develop. Neatness in design characterizes the archway which they are constructing over the opening between the two sections of the typewriting department, and great accuracy is displayed in the construction of paneling which will act as a partition for a small cloak closet at one end of the room.

The boys already have completed a set of cabinets for use in the physics department, and they are completing several stereos in the basement. When the typewriting room is completed, the manual training students will remodel the east wing of the first floor hall to accommodate the remainder of the commercial department. Last year the students inclosed various sections of the school of floors with railings.

The biggest job which Mr. Hyde and his carpenters will undertake this year will be the construction of 100 lockers in the basement for the boys students. The boys will build all of the lockers themselves, and equip them with padlocks. Although the students are spending a large part of their time on the large jobs,

they are not neglecting the smaller ones. Each month scores of flower stands, pedestals, screens and other useful articles are built, usually for use in the Elementary School. Utility is emphasized. Mr. Hyde formerly was a carpenter in the employ of the University, and directs the work of the manual training department from a practical rather than a theoretical standpoint.

The boys do all of their work during school hours. The manual training period is 100 minutes in length, extending over two ordinary recitation hours. There are three sections of students, with fifteen in each section. Dr. J. L. Meriam, professor of school supervision in the University, and W. F. Knox, principal of the University High School, are co-operating with Mr. Hyde in his efforts to make the knowledge acquired in the manual training department an asset in after life.

### WAR MOTHERS TAKE PART

Will Try to Raise \$1,000 Soon for Soldier Memorial.

The American War Mothers' chapter of Columbia will take part in the American Legion Armistice Day parade here November 11. They will form an escort for a large American flag into which donations for the mothers' \$1,000 memorial fund may be expended.

The war mothers of Columbia have undertaken to raise \$1,000 immediately in order to receive the \$1,000 offered by the state of Missouri as a duplicate for every \$1,000 subscribed for use in the construction of soldier memorials.

Every war mother in Boone County, whether a member of the War Mothers organization or not, is requested to march in the Armistice Day parade. Automobiles will be furnished for the gold star mothers. The mothers will meet at 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the parade in front of the Stephens College campus on East Broadway.

The mothers will conduct an organized campaign to raise \$1,000 during the month of December. According to the law passed by the State Legislature, the state will give \$1,000 to every county which raises \$1,000 before January 1.

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1921. If the money is not subscribed locally by that time, the \$1,000 offered by the state will revert to the state treasury. Mrs. Pink Williams is president of the War Mothers organization here, and Mrs. W. R. Nowell is secretary.

## CORN CROP IS OUT OF DANGER

Hessian Fly Is Troubling Growing Fields in Eastern Kansas.

The corn crop throughout the entire country is now practically beyond the danger of frost damage, according to reports received for the past week by E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician for Missouri. The crop ranges from good to excellent in all of the leading corn-growing states and for the country as a whole. Cutting for silage is practically complete. Husking has commenced in many states. Overflows in the fertile bottom of the northeastern section of Mississippi have destroyed much of the late planted crop there.

The seeding of winter wheat is in progress, but dry soil is delaying germination. Early sown fields are up, but need rain in Colorado, Indiana, Central and Western Kansas, Central Montana, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wyoming. Worms are causing some damage to growing fields in the western section of Oklahoma. The Hessian fly is beginning to be troublesome throughout the eastern half of Kansas.

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progress in Montana and Wyoming. Some damage to shocked grain is reported from the western districts of Montana. The yield and quality of the crop is below average in North Dakota. Cotton picking is making good progress generally and is about finished in Florida and Louisiana. The crop in southeastern Arkansas is the lightest in years. Georgia and North Carolina report a light yield with little top growth and the Tennessee crop is only fair. Both the lint and seed of the early planted crop in Oklahoma is light.

Picking of late fields is being rushed, but owing to the scarcity of pickers many fields have not been touched. Much dissatisfaction is being expressed throughout the cotton country to the effect that the present prices are not equaling the cost of production.

Tennessee is harvesting the largest hay crop in the history of the state. The fifth cutting of alfalfa is being made in Oklahoma, but is rather light due to drought while the third cutting in Idaho is being damaged by rain.

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